

**HURON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2026
MINUTES**

❖ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was said at 7:05 p.m.

❖ **ROLL CALL:**

❖ Joe Giardina - present

❖ Rebecca Morey - present

❖ Bob Williams - present

❖ Pete Jackson - present

❖ Rob Kozar - present

❖ Karyn Seibel – not present; excused

❖ Will Folger - present

❖ **MOTION by Bob, 2nd by Rebecca TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON DECEMBER 10, 2025 (V)Ayes - 6; Nays - 0; MOTION carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

❖ **GUESTS – Rebekah Hire-Santoro, Head of Adult Services**

❖ **COMMUNICATIONS – Joe read a Thank-you letter from Jacki Folliett for the merit and market increases.**

❖ **REPORTS:**

- President's Report: Joe Giardina presented the proposed committee assignments. No changes were made to the proposal as printed in the Board Packet.
1. 2026 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT LIST included in Board Packet
- Director's Report: Jennifer Buch – referred to items she provided in the Board Packet.
1. ILEAD PRESENTATION BY REBEKAH HIRE-SANTORO. 9-month program through the State Library of Ohio. 5 libraries in northern Ohio participated in this project. They had three in-person meetings of 3-days at Deer Creek State Park which included sessions about how we can be the best ambassadors of library services. Rebekah spoke mostly about her idea for her team project to address and connect with Young Adults (ages 15-21) to remain engaged with libraries. Heart of their values are RENEW – representation, educate, R, E, W. Appealed to teens to become YALA – Young Adult Library Ambassador. They are still meeting and hoping to hand off this project to another organization like NEO or OLC.
- Fiscal Officer's Report: Laura Engleman – PLF for January will arrive Thursday this week \$33,338.17 which is 12.176% of Erie County's Distribution and right on target with our budget projections. We received the prediction of what the county auditor will distribute to HPL in 2026 for Real Estate tax collections; the revised total of \$677,647 reflected the amount earlier projections have been reduced by the additional owner-occupied and homestead credits the Budget Commission approved. Our Amended Certificate of Available Resources will reflect this new number. Once we receive the Amended Certificate, we can incorporate this information into the Permanent Appropriations.

MOTION by Bob, 2nd by Joe TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS (DECEMBER 2025) (RC).

Joe Giardina - y

Rebecca Morey - y

Bob Williams - y

Pete Jackson - y

Rob Kozar - y

Karyn Seibel - excused

Will Folger - y **Motion carried.**

MOTION by Joe, 2nd by Pete TO APPROVE THEN AND NOW PURCHASE ORDERS (DECEMBER 2025) (RC).

Will Folger – y

- Rob Kozar - y
- Pete Jackson – y
- Bob Williams - y
- Rebecca Morey - y
- Joe Giardina - y
- Karyn Seibel - excused

Motion carried.

- Personnel Committee Report: Bob Williams – no report
- Audit and Finance Committee Report: Pete Jackson – no report
- Building and Grounds Committee Report: Rebecca Morey deferred to Jennifer who reported that we are in the planning stage for Adult/AV area with preliminary ideas from Library Design which will be shared with the Building and Grounds committee; security system proposals and maintenance contracts will also be discussed with the committee. A new people counter system from a company in Columbus Ohio will cost less than \$5,000.00 and should be operational in February. *Another survey will be sent to determine meeting date.*
- Strategic Planning Committee Report: Rob Kozar – no report.
- Policy Committee Report: Will Folger – new updates were provided in print to Board members who requested print, and it will be sent to others in electronic form. Next Committee meeting is Tuesday, March 3 at 5:30 pm.

❖ **OLD BUSINESS – none.**

❖ **NEW BUSINESS - MOTION by Pete, 2nd by Will TO APPROVE FINANCIALS FOR DECEMBER 2025 (RC).**

- ⊗ Will Folger – y
 - ⊗ Rob Kozar – y
 - ⊗ Pete Jackson – y
 - ⊗ Bob Williams – y
 - ⊗ Rebecca Morey - y
 - ⊗ Joe Giardina - y
 - ⊗ Karyn Seibel - excused
- Motion carried.**

❖ **ITEMS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA - none**

❖ **EXECUTIVE SESSION – not needed**

❖ **Motion by Will, 2nd by Rebecca for ADJOURNMENT (RC)**

- ❖ Rob Kozar – y
- ❖ Will Folger – y
- ❖ Rebecca Morey - y
- ❖ Bob Williams - y
- ❖ Pete Jackson - y
- ❖ Joe Giardina – y
- ❖ Karyn Seibel - excused
- ❖ Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Motion carried.

*V indicates vote by Voice

y = yes

n = no

a = abstain

*RC indicates by Roll Call

Joe Giardina, President

Laura Engleman, Fiscal Officer